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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF LUNCHEON CONVERSATION, AMBASSADORS WARNKE AND EARLE WITH MINISTER SEMENOV (SALT TWO-1285)

1. IN THE COURSE OF LARGELY NON-SPECIFIC LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH WARNKE AND EARLE TODAY, SEMENOV STRESSED CRUCIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF NON-TRANSFER AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION ISSUES. REFERRING TO THE HISTORY OF THE SOVIT UNION DURING WORLD WARS I AND II, AND EMPHASIZING HIS OWN INTEREST IN AND EXPERIENCE WITH GERMANY, HE SAID UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT NO AGREEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE SOVIET UNION IF THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFER OF "CERTAIN WEAPON SYSTEMS" WERE NOT CLOSED OFF BY AGREEMENT.

- 2. HE ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS HERE IN GENEVA WOULD TO A LARGE EXTENT DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER GROMYKO AND SECRETARY VANCE.
- 3. TOWARDS THE END OF THE CONVERSATION HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF
  "AS A RELIABE CONDUIT FOR ANYTHING THAT AMBASSADORS WARNKE AND
  EARLE MIGHT WANT TO PASS ON TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN MOSCOW ON
  THEIR OWN BEHALF AS WELL AS ON BEHALF OF OTHERS." INFORMING
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WARNKE AND EARLE THAT KARPOV HAD JUST BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF "MINISTER EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY FIRST CLASS", SEMENOV SAID THAT KARPOV WAS LEAVING WEDNESDAY FOR MOSCOW FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME IN CONNECTION WITH SOME OF THE SUBJECTS MENTIONED BY WARNKE AND EARLE TODAY, IMPLYING THAT HE WAS SENDING KARPOV TO MOSCOW TO HELP IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUES WHICH MIGHT COME BEFORE THE DELEGATIONS AND WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE

AGENDA OF THE SCHEDULED MINISTERIAL MEETING. EARLE

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